

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, There is growing concern and attention by Congress and the Obama administration that the continued buildup of greenhouse gases affect global climate;

Whereas, The greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States, and have surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other developed countries;

Whereas, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another state or nation;

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Whereas, The only manner to quantify these emissions is through a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is uniform, transparent, and verifiable;

Whereas, Any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure that the adopted regime does not result in the offshoring of international trade-sensitive industries;

Whereas, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not eliminate American jobs and diminish the ability of American industry to compete in the global marketplace;

Whereas, Manufacturing accounts for \$67.2 billion of Indiana's Gross State Product, the number one contributor to the state's economy;

Whereas, Any system to regulate greenhouse gases must provide credit for sustainable practices like recycling and the early adoption of energy efficient technologies that are already reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, Any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must invest in and ensure the widespread availability of sufficient, affordable energy, including clean and renewable energy: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That it is the sense of the Indiana General Assembly
- 2 that the United States and the State of Indiana should combat global
- 3 climate change and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in a
- 4 manner structured to:
- 5 A. Hold all countries accountable for the reduction of their
- 6 individual contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions;



1 B. Promote and preserve American jobs; and

2 C. Prevent "emissions leakage."

3 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
4 this Resolution to the President of the United States, Barack Obama;
5 the Vice-President of the United States, Joe Biden; Indiana Governor,
6 Mitch Daniels; Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu; Administrator of the
7 Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa Jackson; Chairman of the
8 Council on Environmental Quality, Nancy Sutley; Assistant to the
9 President for Energy and Climate Change, Carol Browner; Senator
10 Evan Bayh, Senator Richard G. Lugar, Representative Dan Burton,
11 Representative Steve Buyer, Representative André Carson,
12 Representative Joe Donnelly, Representative Brad Ellsworth,
13 Representative Baron Hill, Representative Mike Pence, Representative
14 Mike E. Souder, and Representative Peter Visclosky.

